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 The Perdana Global Peace Conference ***with Michael Collins Piper***

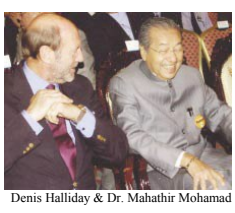
Media Misinforms America About Global War & Peace

Ireland's Halliday charges U.S. practices `state terror'

By Michael Collins Piper

Former United Nations Assistant Secretary General Denis Halliday told the 2006 special forum of the Perdana Global Peace Organization that the concepts of "war on terror" and an "axis of evil" are just as fictitious as the so-called "weapons of mass destruction" that the Bush administration claimed were in Iraq. "They are all fictions," he said.

Yet, noted Halliday, while the world is abandoning people's right to food and housing, which should be a priority, lives and financial resources are being wasted in the war on terrorism, which has hijacked those greater priorities. Halliday referred to the war against and occupation of Iraq — not to mention the possibility of war against Iran — as "a tragedy that we all have to take responsibility for."



Denis Halliday & Dr. Mahathir Mohamad

The former UN official drew a distinction between what he called "state terrorism," which, he noted, is "conducted from 30,000 feet," and "terrorism of resistance and defense." The latter, he pointed out, can be violent, but, he said, "We are surprised when it mirrors state terrorism." State terrorism is "impersonal" while the other form of terrorism is "intimate," but both are equally to be condemned.

Halliday is concerned that people in the United States — and around the globe — watch television and see state terrorism being conducted daily and don't take action. He said that this reflects "a hidden acceptance of terrorism," that suggests there is "terrorism lurking within us all."

PROFILE: DENIS HALLIDAY

DENIS HALLIDAY is a native of Ireland who served from 1997 to 1998 as an assistant secretary general of the United Nations acting as the UN humanitarian coordinator for Iraq. Halliday managed distribution of goods under the "Oil for Food" program, responsible for verifying Iraqi compliance with the program. He resigned that post — and from the United Nations — in protest of international policy oward Iraq, a policy that was largely being dictated by the United States. A graduate of Trinity College in Dublin, Halliday spent most of his career in service to the UN in a variety of posts, specializing in development and humanitarian assistance.

Killing by the United States, in the name of the United States, is portrayed by the Bush administration as being "patriotic," but, in Halliday's view, the United States is "the most dangerous nation on Earth . . . engaged in a mad dash to dominate and intrude" in the lives and nations of peoples around the globe.

However, he said, "the American people have been hijacked and misinformed" by their own government and the mass media." However, it is Americans' responsibility to take control of their own country," just as, he said, "we've all got to take control of our own countries," saying that he, as an Irishman, believes that his own people have responsibilities and obligations to speak out as well.

The so-called "war on terror," he suggested, "is a device to impose a new form of colonialism, an excuse to expand the imperial presence of the United States," as outlined in the now-infamous report of the neo-conservative Project for a New American Century which declared the need for a "new Pearl Harbor" to stimulate Americans into supporting global intervention — conquest — by the United States.

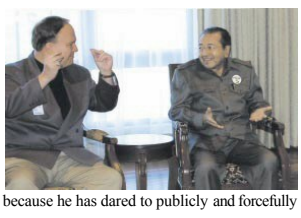
Former American President Dwight Eisenhower was right, Halliday noted, when Eisenhower warned of "the military- industrial complex," but Halliday said that this should today be referred to as the "military-industrial-media-energy complex." Halliday condemned the media for the part it has played in "the glorification of war" and said, "We need a media that is free and not controlled."

In launching the war against Iraq, the United States and Britain chose to act outside the framework of the United Nations. This was a failure of the UN, for, according to Halliday's judgment, "We are always going to fail if [the UN] doesn't have member states with good will." Pointing out that during his years at the United Nations, Halliday encouraged ethics training for UN officers and employees, he added that "ethics training is also required in the White House." And, he noted, to change an organization, "you have to start at the top." President Bush, he said, is "making decisions that destroy the lives of thousands . . . sad to say, millions." Iraq and Iran, he believes, were "irresistible" targets for those directing policy in the Bush administration.

Having attended the first Perdana forum in 2005, where the Kuala Lumpur Initiative to Criminalize War was first hammered out, Halliday urged the current government of Malaysia to take the lead in formally introducing that historic initiative to the United Nations and the world.

KUALA LUMPUR LEADING GLOBAL PEACE EFFORT

AUTHORS: During the special session of the Perdana Global Peace Organization, AFP correspondent Michael Collins Piper's underground JFK assassination classic, Final Judgment (shown above), was offered for sale alongside the writings of former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, who is himself a widely read author of numerous books.



MEETING OF THE MINDS: AFP's Michael Collins Piper (left) and former Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamad are shown discussing the amazing political power of the mass media in America. Dr. Mahathir has been viciously attacked in the American media because he has dared to publicly and forcefully criticize the Zionist agenda.

A journalist specializing in media critique, Michael Collins Piper is the author of ***Final Judgment***, the controversial "underground bestseller" documenting the collaboration of Israeli intelligence in the assassination of John F. Kennedy. He is also the author of ***The High Priests of War***, ***The New Jerusalem***, ***The Judas Goats***, and ***Dirty Secrets***, all available from America First Books and First Amendment Books. He has lectured on suppressed topics in places as diverse as Malaysia, Japan, Canada, Russia and Abu Dhabi.

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